



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council  
**From:** Ted Shekell, Planning Director  
Walter Denton, City Administrator  
**Date:** August 21, 2006  
**Subject:** Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of Ordinances and Replacing Certain Portions with New Article XIII of the Zoning Code Concerning Landscaping and Riparian Corridors – **First Reading**

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**List of committees that have reviewed:** The Community Development Committee reviewed the Text Amendments at their August 14, 2006, meeting and recommended approval.

**Background:**

At its August 8, 2006 meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the draft Landscaping and Riparian Corridor Zoning Text Amendments. Minor clarifications were made on several sections as recommended by the Commission. In particular, the Commission approved a recommendation to include a tree mitigation and replacement provision, which was provided to the CD Committee for review. At its August 14, 2006 meeting, the Community Development Committee recommended not including the Tree Preservation section at this time, allowing staff to research the issue more while moving the Amendment forward.

This chapter is currently under final review by the City's land use attorney, Dan Vogel, as well as Calvin Beckmann, the City Park Operation Specialist, and it constitutes a significant amendment to the City's landscaping and environmental requirements. The chapter pertains directly to: the circumstances when bufferyards are required; the various types and applications of required landscaping; and riparian corridor requirements.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** It should be noted at the time of the CD meeting the draft ordinance only had preliminary legal review. A set of final legal "clean up" items have been included in this draft.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approving the Ordinance as proposed.